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BLM Seeks Volunteers for Beach Cleanup

BANDON, Ore. – Anyone interested in sprucing up an area beach is invited to Floras Lake, south of Bandon, on Saturday, September 24 to participate in the Bureau of Land Management's annual National Public Lands Day (NPLD) volunteer event.

Volunteers will be pulling noxious weeds, picking up litter, and removing European beach grass to improve wildlife habitat. The event runs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Individuals, families and community groups of all ages are welcome. All tools, safety equipment, and materials for the projects will be provided. Volunteers should wear outdoor work clothes and bring sunscreen and water. In appreciation for their work, volunteers will receive a T-shirt, hat, and lunch.

As the nation's largest one-day volunteer event in support of public lands, NPLD hosts more than 2,000 sites in all 50 states and the District of Columbia with a wide array of activities. Volunteers' one-day efforts will equal more than \$15 million in improvements.

For more information, contact Kip Wright with the BLM at 541-756-0100. Additional information on NPLD can be found online at www.publiclandsday.org

About BLM

The BLM manages more land - 245 million surface acres - than any other Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western States, including Alaska. The Bureau, with a budget of about \$1 billion, also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM's multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Bureau accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, cultural, and other resources on public lands.

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